event proved it to be so ; for, as I walked off as if I was gone., I was no sooner out of their sight, than they dropped down one by one into the corn again. I was so provoked, that I could not have patience to stay till more came on, knowing that every grain that they ate now was, as it might be said, a peck-loaf to me in the consequence; but, coming up to the hedge, I fired again, and killed three of them. This was what I wished for; so I took them up, and served them as we serve notorious thieves in England, viz., hanged them in chains for a terror to others. It is impossible to imagine almost that this should have had such an effect as it had, for the fowls would not only not come at the corn, but, in short, they forsook all that part of the island, and I could never see a bird near the place as long as my scarecrows hung there,

XIV. *Earthenware Making*

I had long studied by some means or other to make myself some earthen vessels, which indeed I wanted sorely, but knew

not where to come at them. However, I did not doubt but if I could find any suitable clay, I might botch up some such pots as might, being